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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on **April 24, 2002**, in the above-referenced case, and time set to respond to that action is set to expire on **July 24, 2002**. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

In response to the above-referenced Office Action, please amend the application in the claims as follows (support for the following claim amendments is found in the application specification at, e.g., page 3 line 18 through page 5 line 13; page 6 lines 2-18; page 19 line 13 through page 20 line 2; page 20 lines 3-16; page 20 line 19 through page 21 line 14; page 23 lines 11-23; and page 26 lines 3-13):

1 11. (Twice Amended) A system for allowing users to securely
2 access public domain area networks via mobile computing devices,
3 comprising:

4 a plurality of wireless access points;
5 at least one wireless provisioning device for receiving,
6 authenticating, transmitting, and directing data over a plurality of
7 networks and capable of sustaining connectivity between the
8 wireless access points and the wireless provisioning device, the
9 wireless provisioning device comprising a chassis, at least one
10 network card, at least one wireless card, at least one processor,
11 and at least one operating system operably configured in the
12 chassis and associated with at least one of the plurality of wireless
13 access points for transmitting and receiving data between the
14 wireless access point and a carrier structure and where the wireless
15 provisioning device is capable of accommodating multiple
16 connections back to the wireless access point without requiring
17 rebooting before a new roaming member can be added to the
18 system, the wireless provisioning device further comprises a
19 directory services member operatively connected to the operating
20 system thereof, which is suitable for maintaining a database
21 directory that stores MAC addresses and billing profiles for those in
22 the system;

23 a carrier structure communicably positioned between the
24 wireless provisioning device and the plurality of wireless access
25 points for transmitting and receiving data between the wireless
26 provisioning device and the plurality of wireless access points by
27 means of a secure connections; and

28 a security authentication protocol, initiated by the wireless
29 provisioning device, capable of authenticating traffic as it passes
30 through the carrier structure.

1 21. (Twice Amended) A system for allowing users to securely
2 access public domain area networks via mobile computing devices,
3 comprising:
4 a plurality of wireless access points;
5 at least one wireless provisioning device for receiving,
6 authenticating, transmitting, and directing data over a plurality of
7 networks and capable of sustaining connectivity between the
8 wireless access points and the wireless provisioning device, the
9 wireless provisioning device comprising a chassis, at least one
10 network card, at least one wireless card, at least one processor,
11 and at least one operating system operably configured in the
12 chassis and associated with at least one of the plurality of wireless
13 access points for transmitting and receiving data between the
14 wireless access point and a carrier structure and where the wireless
15 provisioning device is capable of accommodating multiple
16 connections back to the wireless access point without requiring
17 rebooting before a new roaming member can be added to the
18 system;
19 a 2.4 GHz antenna operatively coupled with the wireless
20 provisioning device;
21 a carrier structure communicably positioned between the
22 wireless provisioning device and the plurality of wireless access
23 points for transmitting and receiving data between the wireless
24 provisioning device and the plurality of wireless access points by
25 means of a secure connections; and
26 a security authentication protocol, initiated by the wireless
27 provisioning device, capable of authenticating traffic as it passes
28 through the carrier structure.